

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1299, United States Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act. (The legislative vehicle entitled, "The Travel Promotion Act".)

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S757–S816

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3038–3047, S. Res. 422–425, and S. Con. Res. 50–51. **Pages S795–96**

Measures Reported:

S. 2961, to provide debt relief to Haiti, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–128) **Page S795**

House Messages:

United States Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act: By 78 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 28), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1299, to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police, after taking action of the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S757–75**

Withdrawn:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 3326 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), to change the enactment date. **Page S757**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 76 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 26), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Pages S773–74**

Reid motion to refer in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the Committee on Rules and Administration, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3328, to provide for a

study, fell when cloture was invoked on the Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

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Reid Amendment No. 3329 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 3328) of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to refer in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the Committee on Rules and Administration, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3328, to provide for a study fell. **Page S757**

Reid Amendment No. 3330 (to Amendment No. 3329), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 3329 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 3328) of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature fell. **Page S757**

By 38 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 27), two-thirds of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to suspend Rule XXII, Paragraph 2, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, with respect to DeMint proposed amendment to prohibit extension or establishment of national monuments in certain areas. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was not germane under Rule XXII, was sustained.

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Reid Amendment No. 3327 (to Amendment No. 3326), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 3326 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), to change the enactment date was withdrawn. **Page S757**

Tax Extenders Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, March 1, 2010, at 3 p.m., Committee on Finance be discharged of H.R. 4213, to amend the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions; and that once the Committee is discharged, Senate proceed to its consideration; that after the bill is reported, Senator Baucus, or his designee, be recognized to offer a substitute amendment, and once the amendment is reported by number it be considered read.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—28) Pages S773–74, S774–75, S775

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:52 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 26, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S815–16.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Ray Mabius, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations, and General James T. Conway, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

AVIATION SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security

concluded a hearing to examine aviation safety, focusing on one year after the crash of flight 3407, after receiving testimony from Deborah A. P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and Margaret Gilligan, Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

ASIAN CARP IN THE GREAT LAKES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded an oversight hearing to examine the science and policy behind the Federal framework and non-Federal efforts to prevent introduction of the aquatic invasive Asian carp into the Great Lakes, after receiving testimony from Nancy H. Sutley, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality; Leon Carl, Midwest Area Regional Executive, United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; J. Michael Hayden, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Topeka; Ken DeBeaussiaert, Michigan Office of the Great Lakes Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Lansing; Marc Miller, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Springfield; Jim Farrell, Illinois Chamber Infrastructure Council Waterways Committee, Chicago; John C. Taylor, Wayne State University School of Business Administration, Detroit, Michigan; Andy Buchsbaum, National Wildlife Federation Great Lakes Regional Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

INTERAGENCY CONTRACTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine interagency contracts, focusing on an overview and recommendations for reform, after receiving testimony from Ralph C. Nash, Steven L. Schooner, and Joshua I. Schwartz, all of George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.; and Marshall J. Doke, Jr., Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, Dallas, Texas.

TRIBAL PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES BUDGET

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for tribal programs and initiatives, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Perrelli, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and Jefferson Keel, National Congress of American Indians, Patricia Whitefoot, National Indian Education Association, and Marty Shuravloff, National American Indian Housing Council, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 1741, to require the Attorney General to make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local governments to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of William Joseph Hochul, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Western Dis-

trict of New York, and Sally Quillian Yates, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 4689–4709; and 15 resolutions, H.J. Res. 76; H. Con. Res. 240–243; and H. Res. 1110–1112, 1115–1121 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1109, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3961) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reform the Medicare SGR payment system for physicians and to reinstitute and update the Pay-As-You-Go requirement of budget neutrality on new tax and mandatory spending legislation, enforced by the threat of annual, automatic sequestration (H. Rept. 111–420) and

H. Res. 1113, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2701) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 111–421).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 12:39 p.m.

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Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010: The House began consideration of H.R. 2701, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency

Retirement and Disability System. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H838–845, H849–95**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

Hoekstra amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–419) that requires the Director of the CIA, within 30 days, to publicly issue an unclassified version of the CIA Inspector General's report entitled "Procedures Used In Narcotics Airbridge Denial Program in Peru, 1995–2001," dated August 25, 2008;

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Rogers (MI) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–419) that prohibits funds in the Act from being used to implement the FBI's Field Office Supervisory Term Limit Policy requiring the mandatory reassignment of a supervisor after a specific term of years;

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Eshoo amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–419) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to establish an intelligence community-wide conflict of interest regulation working in conjunction with the Office of Government Ethics; to establish a community-wide process for checking outside employment for conflicts of interest, and also to submit an annual report to the intelligence committees on all outside employment activities that were approved in the last year. The amendment also prohibits Intelligence Community government employees from owning companies that sell skills related to their government service;

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Conaway amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–419) that expresses the sense of Congress that it is imperative intelligence community-wide auditability be achieved as soon as possible and the

National Reconnaissance Office should be commended for achieving a clean audit; **Pages H886–87**

Arcuri amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–419) that requires the President to submit detailed notifications to Congress on current and newly-created cybersecurity programs; **Pages H887–88**

Burton (IN) amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–419) that expresses the sense of Congress honoring members of the Central Intelligence Agency for their dedication to the protection of the United States and expressing appreciation for their unique role in combating terrorism and crucial support of U.S. military operations; **Pages H888–90**

Holt amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–419) that directs the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community to review available intelligence, including raw and unfinished intelligence, to determine if there is any credible evidence of a connection between a foreign entity and the attacks on the United States in 2001 involving anthrax; **Pages H890–91**

Castle amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–419) that requires the President, acting through the Treasury Secretary, to submit to Congress the report required under section 6303(a) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–458); and **Pages H891–92**

Walz amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–419) that requires the intelligence community ("IC") to take actions to educate security clearance adjudicators on the nature of post-traumatic stress disorder in combat veterans as each IC component sees fit. **Pages H892–93**

Proceedings Postponed:

Reyes manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–419) that seeks to make technical and sundry changes; **Pages H874–83**

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–419) that seeks to require the DNI, in coordination with the heads of the elements of the intelligence community, to submit to Congress a report on the plans of each element of the community, including the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, to increase diversity within that element; and **Pages H883–85**

Schauer amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–419) that seeks to require the DNI to investigate and report to Congress regarding the attempted terrorist attack on Northwest flight 253 and measures the intelligence community has taken or will take to prevent any intelligence failures within or between elements of the U.S. intelligence community. **Pages H893–95**

H. Res. 1105, providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 2701, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain

resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 66, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act: The House concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 3961, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reform the Medicare SGR payment system for physicians and to reinstitute and update the Pay-As-You-Go requirement of budget neutrality on new tax and mandatory spending legislation, enforced by the threat of annual, automatic sequestration, by a yea-and-nay vote of 315 yeas to 97 nays, Roll No. 67. **Pages H845–48, H895–H901, H906–07**

H. Res. 1109, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments, was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H845–46**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Temporary Extension Act of 2010: H.R. 4691, to provide a temporary extension of certain programs. **Pages H901–06**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:41 p.m. and reconvened at 6:38 p.m. **Page H906**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, February 23rd:

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Urban Crimes Awareness Week: H. Con. Res. 227, amended, to support the goals and ideals of National Urban Crimes Awareness Week, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 68. **Page H907**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H907.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H848–49, H906–07, H907. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fort Hood. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Carter

Ham, USA, Advisor to the Independent Review; and BG Richard W. Thomas, USA, Assistant Surgeon General (Force Projection), Office of the Surgeon General.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Janet Napolitano, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Bio-surveillance: Smart Investments for Early Warning. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Alexandria Garza, Assistant Secretary, Office of Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer; and Tara O'Toole, Under Secretary, Science and Technology; Daniel Sosin, Acting Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and Bernhard Goldstein, National Academy of Sciences.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Restoring America's Forests and Headwaters: Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for U.S. Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, USDA.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Department of State. Testimony was heard from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

FY 2011 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FROM ARMY DEPARTMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Army. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: John McHugh, Secretary of the Army; and GEN George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Chief of Staff.

MANAGING DEFENSE ACQUISITION SYSTEM AND DEFENSE WORKFORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on expert perspectives on managing the defense acquisition system and the de-

fense acquisition workforce. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRIVATE SECTOR PERSPECTIVES—DOD TECHNOLOGY AND CYBERSECURITY ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on private sector perspectives on Department of Defense information technology and cybersecurity activities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Department of Education Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

RISK OF ENDOCRINE DISRUPTING CHEMICALS IN DRINKING WATER

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled "Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals in Drinking Water: Risks to Human Health and the Environment." Testimony was heard from James Jones, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, EPA; Linda Birnbaum, Director, National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COMPENSATION IN THE FINANCIAL INDUSTRY—GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Compensation in the Financial Industry—Government Perspectives." Testimony was heard from Kenneth Feinberg, Special Master for TARP Executive Compensation, Department of the Treasury; Scott Alvarez, General Counsel, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and Edward DeMarco, Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

PROMOTING SECURITY—DIPLOMACY AND DEVELOPMENT—FY 2011 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Promoting Security through Diplomacy and Development: The Fiscal Year 2011 International Affairs Budget. Testimony was heard from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security."

Testimony was heard from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

MEDIA COMPETITION AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRIBUTION MARKET

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Competition in the Media and Entertainment Distribution Market. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MARIANAS TRENCH MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3511, Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Visitor Facility Authorization Act of 2009; and H.R. 4493, Bonitan Tasi. Testimony was heard from Benigno Repeki Fitial, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Eileen Sobeck, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2100, To provide for the conveyance of certain public lands in Mohave Valley, Mohave County, Arizona, administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, for use as a public shooting range; H.R. 3425, To authorize the Fair Housing Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia to commemorate the enactment of the Fair Housing Act of 1968; H.R. 4438, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Leasing and Boundary Expansion Act of 2010; H.R. 4491, Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act; and H.R. 4524, Blue Ridge Parkway Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Norton, Rodriguez, Franks of Arizona, Shuler and Speier; Stephen E. Whitesell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

FORECLOSURES CONTINUE—WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled “Foreclosures Continue: What Needs to Change in the Administration’s Response.” Testimony was heard from Phyllis Caldwell, Chief Homeownership Preservation Officer, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Committee on Rules: granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 2701, the “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010”. The rule provides that amendment number 1 printed in House Report 111–419 shall be modified by striking the matter proposed to be inserted as section 506.

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 3961, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reform the Medicare SGR payment system for physicians and to reinstitute and update the Pay-As-You-Go requirement of budget neutrality on new tax and mandatory spending legislation, enforced by the threat of annual, automatic sequestration. The rule makes in order a single motion by the Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary to concur in the Senate amendments. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except clause 10 of Rule XXI and provides that the Senate amendments shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

NASA’S FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on NASA’s Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request and Issues. Testimony was heard from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, NASA.

COAST GUARD, MARITIME ADMINISTRATION/FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION BUDGET REQUESTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Coast Guard, the Maritime Administration and the Federal Maritime Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: ADM. Thad W. Allen, Commandant; and Charles W. Bowen, Master Chief Petty Officer; David Matusda, Acting Administrator, Federal Maritime Administration; Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr., Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission; and Steven Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO.

RECOVERY ACT LESSONS— STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on EDA: Lessons Learned From the Recovery Act and New Plans to Strengthen Economic Development. Testimony was heard from John R. Fernandez, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3257, Military Family Leave Act of 2009; H.R. 3484, To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority for certain qualifying work-study activities for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3579, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of the reporting fees payable to educational institutions that enroll veterans receiving educational assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3813, Veterans Training Act; H.R. 3948, Test Prep for Heros Act; H.R. 3976, Helping Heroes Keep Their Homes Act of 2009; H.R. 4079, To amend title 38, United States Code, to temporarily remove the requirement for employers to increase wages for veterans enrolled in on-the-job training programs; H.R. 4203, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of the Veterans Affairs to provide veterans certain educational assistance payments through direct deposit; H.R. 4359, WARMER Act; H.R. 4469, To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for protection of child custody arrangements for parents who are members of the Armed Forces deployed in support of a contingency operation; and H.R. 4592, To provide for the establishment of a pilot program to encourage the employment of veterans in energy-related positions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Putnam, Hall of New York, Sestak, Smith of Washington and Turner; COL. Shawn Shumake, USA, Director, Office of Legal Policy, Office of the Under Secretary,

(Personnel and Readiness), Program Integration and Legal Policy, Department of Defense; Keith M. Wilson, Director, Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

CYBER SECURITY DEFENSE BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Cyber Security Defense. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the Office of Professional Responsibility Investigation into the Office of Legal Counsel Memoranda, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medical Radiation: An Overview of the Issues, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, and the Committee on Small Business, joint hearing entitled "Condition of Small Business and Commercial Real Estate Lending in Local Markets," 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Radicalization Analysis, 9 a.m., and executive, briefing on Fiscal Year 2011 Intelligence Budget for Research and Development, 11 a.m., 304-HVC.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the road to economic recovery, focusing on prospects for jobs and growth, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, February 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, February 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 2701—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

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